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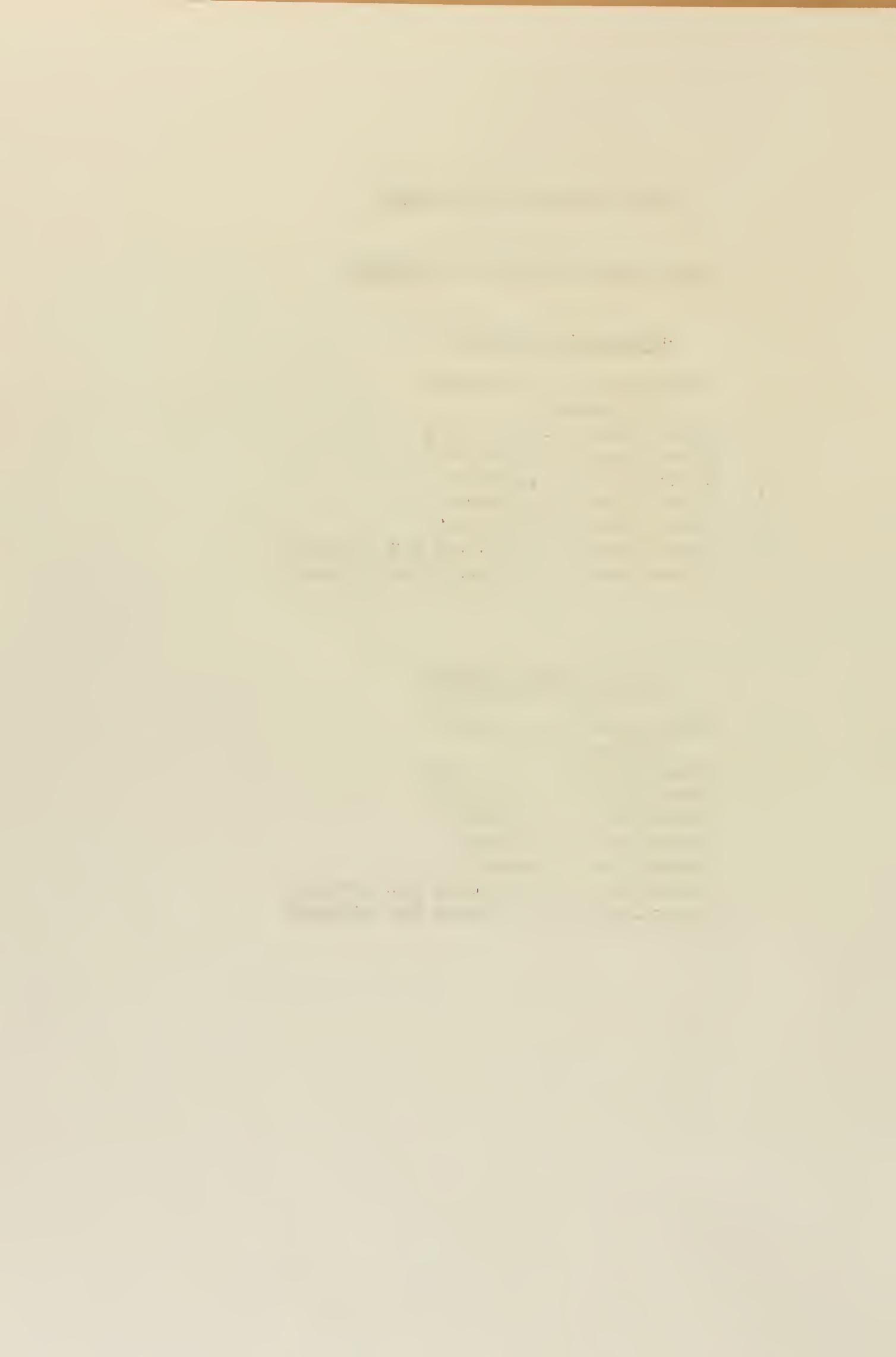
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To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report contains statistical details relating to the people living in the area under the control of the Eton Urban District Council. With the small numbers of births and deaths and the infrequent occurrence of infectious diseases the story must be subjective rather than objective. 1972 was, so far as the health of the people was concerned, a quiet year but the knowledge that it was a quiet year can produce a certain satisfaction as it meant that the services provided by the Council operated reasonably smoothly and that the necessary preventive measures were in operation when threats occurred.

Perhaps the table on the numerical ascertainment of the population, however, may be of more than passing interest - it is based on the Registrar General's mid-year estimates.

While my part of the report speaks largely of the medical aspects of health, that provided by Mr. Humphreys gives details of the work which has gone on in the fields of environmental control and housing; here you may see evidence of the good solid work which took place.

Rapid change seems an "inevitable" complication of life during the last third of the twentieth century and the purposes of the changes and their intended results have often been declared. There are, however, many unforeseen by-products and it is to be hoped that the majority, if not all, of them will be beneficial.

Among the changes to be borne are those concerned with reform of Local Government and the National Health Service; these involve the disappearance of the Urban District Council, the absorption of its officers into other units of Local Government or the National Health Service and the cessation of reports such as this.

So far as environmental health services are concerned those at present administered by this Council will be amalgamated with those of other Councils making up the territory of the new District Council of Windsor-Maidenhead and I am sure that those from Eton who have been or will in future be elected to that new Council will make sure that these services continue to take full account of the needs of the territory at present under the control of this Council.

The medical services will become part of the responsibility of the new East District of the Berkshire Health Authority and will cover the new districts of Bracknell, Windsor-Maidenhead and Slough. In charge of that district and subject to the overall control of the members of the Berkshire Area Health Authority, will be a team of officers whose duty it will be to run the health services as a unified whole; no longer will medical services be split into three portions, as at present. Members of the District Management Team have not yet been appointed. District Councils will have no direct representation on Health Authorities but County Councils will be represented; local communities will provide members of Community Health Councils whose purpose it will be to keep a watchful eye upon health services being provided for their communities.

Statistical information for any year is not available until after April in the following year and so this is the last Annual Report which I shall be making to you. May I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to all the members of this Council and particularly to the Chairman and members of the Health and Recreation Committee for the unfailing kindness and help which they have given me during the time I have been associated with them.

Without the co-operation and more than willing help from all the other officers of the Council my task would have been impossible; especially of course I would wish to make reference to Mr. Humphreys, your Public Health and Housing Officer, with whom I have been closely and very happily associated.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MACDONALD A. CHARRETT

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	993 acres
Number of inhabited houses at 1.4.72...					1586
Rateable Value at 1.4.72	...	...			£207,413
Product of Penny Rate 1972/3 (estimated)					£2,143
Population	...	...	...	...	4,880

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate ...	...	19	17	36
Illegitimate	...	1	-	1
		—	—	—
		20	17	37
		—	—	—
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population				7.6
Corrected Birth Rate (allowing for sex and age of the population) ...	...	...		8.2
Comparability Factor ...	...	...	...	1.08
National Rate ...	...	...	...	14.8
Ratio of local adjusted rate to National Rate ...				0.55 : 1.0
Illegitimate births were 3% of total live births.				

<u>Still Births</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	...	-	-	-
		—	—	—
		-	1	1
		—	—	—
Total of Live and Still Births	...			38
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total births				26.0
National Rate per 1,000 total births				12.0
Still Births per 1,000 population ...				0.20 : 1.0

Peri-Natal Mortality (Still Births and Deaths under one week)

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	-	-
Still Births	...	-	1	1
		—	—	—
		-	1	1
		—	—	—
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	26.0	
National Rate	22.0

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age)

N I L

Infant Mortality (Deaths of Infants under one year)

N I L

Maternal Deaths (Number of women dying in or as a consequence of pregnancy)

N I L

<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Deaths	...	14	20	34
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	7.0	
Corrected Death Rate- allowing for sex and age (Comparability factor - 1.17)			8.2	
National Death Rate	...	...	12.1	
Ratio of corrected Death Rate to National	...	...	0.68 : 1	

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972

	1972			1971
	Male	Female	Total	
B19(4) Malignant neoplasm, Intestine	-	1	1	2
B19(6) Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	1	1	1
B19(7) Malignant neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	1
B19(10) Leukaemia	-	-	1	-
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	1	1	2	-
B46(5) Other diseases of nervous system	-	1	1	-
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	2
B28 Ischaemic Heart disease	7	4	11	9
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease	-	1	1	1
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	-	4	4	1
B46(6) Other diseases of Circulatory system	-	3	3	3
B32 Pneumonia	3	1	4	3
B33(1) Bronchitis & Emphysema	1	-	1	2
B46(7) Other diseases of Respiratory system	-	-	-	1
B46(8) Other diseases of Digestive system	1	-	1	-
B36 Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	1
B46(11) Diseases of musculo skeletal system	-	-	-	1
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2	-
BE49 Suicide & self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1	-
	14	20	34	29

DEATHS - 1972 - AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

Cause of Death	Sex	Total		Under 4 weeks	4 weeks under 1 yr.	1-4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75 and over
		all	ages											
B19(4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(6) Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19(10) Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(11) Other malignant neoplasms	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(5) Other diseases of nervous system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B28 Ischaemic heart disease	F	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
B29 Other forms of heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	F	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B46(6) Other diseases of Circulatory system	M	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B32 Pneumonia	F	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
B33(11) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B46(8) Other diseases of digestive system	F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
BE49 Suicide & Self-inflicted injuries	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all Causes	M	14	20	-	-	-	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	9

Sex and Age Distribution of Deaths

Ages at Death in Years	Males	Females	Total
Under 1	-	-	-
1 - 4	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	1	1
45 - 64	8	4	12
65 - 74	3	6	9
75 plus	3	9	12
Total	14	20	34

Principal Causes of Death	1971	1972
Heart Disease	12	12
Diseases of circulatory system	4	7
Cancer	5	5
Diseases of respiratory system	6	5

POPULATION

Year	Natural Increase (births less deaths)	Immigration or Emigration (-)	Population
1962	48	-28	5450
1963	17	-357	5110
1964	44	136	5290
1965	31	-21	5300
1966	31	-31	5300
1967	18	-18	5300
1968	11	109	5420
1969	-6	-44	5370
1970	9	-99	5280
1971	6	-106	5180
1972	3	-297	4880

IMMUNISATION

				<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Primary Diphtheria	...	...	...	19	10	-
Primary Tetanus	...	...	...	21	69	12
Primary Diphtheria/Tetanus	...	...	...	12	3	1
Primary Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (Triple)	...	...	...	31	37	25
Primary Measles	...	...	...	36	13	16
Primary Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	30	37	26
Boosters - Tetanus	...	...	...	165	125	108
	Diphtheria	...	...	(	(	78
	Diphtheria/Tetanus	...	...	(217	(252	150
	Triple	...	...	(	(	5
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	1	-	5

PRIMARY PROTECTION

Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	62	50	26
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	31	37	25
Tetanus ...	...	...	...	64	109	38
Measles ...	...	...	...	36	13	16
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	30	37	26

Figures for Poliomyelitis and Measles refer to
children born between 1968 - 1972

N.B. Vaccination against Smallpox is not shown
in these tables as it is no longer offered as
a routine procedure in early childhood.

TUBERCULOSIS

Notification Register

No cases of tuberculosis were added to the Register during 1972. Two cases were removed due to recovery during 1972.

The total number on the Register at 31st December 1972 was as follows:

Pulmonary	1
Non-Pulmonary.....	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Measles	5
Dysentery	1

Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Measles	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases in Age Groups

	Ages in Years of Cases Notified											
	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 15 years	15 - 25 years	25 - 35 years	35 - 45 years	45 - 65 years	Over 65
Measles	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Notifiable Diseases in Eton

Measles 4
Dysentery -

Notifiable Diseases in Eton Wick

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Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease

Cases notified during the years 1963-1972

	Cases notified and Population in thousands									
	1972 5	1971 5	1970 5	1969 5	1968 5	1967 5	1966 5	1965 5	1964 5	1963 5
Dysentery	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	141
Measles	5	6	43	41	8	45	13	118	1	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3	1	4

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Housing

Complaints have been received from tenants of properties in need of repair and visits made for the purpose of housing inspections and to give advice on necessary repairs. In general an informal approach to the agent or landlord was successful and there has not been need for recourse to statutory procedure.

Council Housing

Inspections were carried out for the purpose of ascertaining defects on change of tenancy and in connection with insanitary conditions and rodent control.

Housing Improvement

Twelve applications were received during the year for improvement grants. The following table provides statistics relating to the two types of grant dealt with.

Improvement Grants

Applications approved	...	25
Grants paid -		
number of dwellings	...	17
Amount paid	...	£12,137

Standard Grants

Applications approved	...	5
Grants paid -		
number of dwellings	...	5
Amount paid	...	£815

Qualification Certificates

No applications for Qualification Certificates were received during the year.

Food Hygiene

Food Premises

The work of maintaining the standard of clean food handling in the Urban District is achieved by advice on the basic principles of food hygiene to persons engaged in food preparation, given during the course of routine inspections of the premises and equipment used. In addition assistance and advice is given on the selection of suitable equipment for use in food premises.

There are 63 premises in which food is prepared and/or sold; the type and number of businesses being shown in the following table.

Grocers and General Stores	...	5
Licensed Premises	...	11
Cafes and Restaurants	...	7
Butchers	...	2
Bakers and Confectioners	...	2
Bakehouse	...	1
Sweets/ice cream/tobacco	...	5
Greengrocers	...	2
College kitchens	...	26
Summer stall	...	1

No slaughtering is carried out in the Urban District.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in offices and shops. The Act follows the pattern of the Factory Act and the enforcement of it is divided between a number of Authorities according to the premises.

H.M. Inspector of Factories is responsible for enforcing the general provision in premises occupied by Local Authorities together with offices and factories, whilst the Local Authority enforce the general provisions in most other premises. The fire provisions of the Act are enforced by the Fire Authority.

Accidents - Section 48 of the Act requires notification of any accident which occurs on premises subject to the provisions of the Act. No accidents have been reported during the year.

The following table sets out the class of premises, the number of registrations and the number of persons employed.

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>		
	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Employed</u>
Offices	23	15	130
Retail Shops	36	17	68
Wholesale Shops	-	-	-
Catering Establishments	10	10	38
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Total	69	42	236

Refuse Disposal

A regular weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the year from all domestic premises.

The Council continues to collect refuse from trade premises and in most cases refuse is collected on a twice weekly basis.

All refuse is disposed of at the pulverising plant at Slough except during maintenance periods, when disposal is by way of controlled tipping at Hollow Hill Tip, Iver.

Additional waste material was collected and disposed of by the placing of bulk storage containers within the District these being freely available for residents to dispose of excess material and bulky furniture. Approximately 1728 cu.yds. of material was disposed of in this way.

Water Supply

All premises in the area have a piped water supply from the Middle Thames Water Board and an adequate supply of water for all purposes has been maintained.

Regular sampling has been carried out by the Middle Thames Water Board and copies of their reports supplied to the Council. All reports have proved satisfactory throughout the year. Samples submitted for chemical and bacteriological analysis were satisfactory.

There are two swimming baths in the area situated at Eton Wick Primary School and Eton College. Monthly samples and tests were taken and all proved satisfactory.

Drainage and Sanitation

Inspections were carried out following complaints concerning obstructed and defective drainage.

Testing and supervision of remedied work was also carried out.

There have been six new connections made to the public sewer during the year and there are still some thirteen properties served by cesspools.

Sewage has continued to be disposed of by arrangement with the Slough Borough Council through their Cippenham Water Pollution Control Works via pumping stations at Eton and Eton Wick.

Pest Control

The bulk of the pest control work in the area is concerned with the destruction of rats and mice, but the destruction of other pests, mainly wasps, has been undertaken.

Routine inspection and treatment has been carried out at the Council's sewage pumping station and balancing tank.

All reported cases of infestation by rodents have been successfully treated. Test baiting of sewers has continued and results have proved negative. An exemption period granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has been renewed.

Nine complaints of wasps were received and treatment carried out.

A charge is made for pest control.

Factories

Details of the number of factories in the area and inspections made are set out in the table below.

No action was necessary during the year arising from inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	26	18
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-

